(d) the potentiality and expansion yet to be exploited in Chennai port, Ennore port and Tuticorin port?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) There are 12 Major Ports, namely, Kolkata, Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Ennore, Chennai, Tuticorin, Cochin, New Mangalore, Mormugao, Jawaharlal Nehru, Mumbai and Kandla Ports. These Major Ports are under the control of the Central Government. In addition, there are 200 Non-major Ports (earlier known as Minor Ports) which are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective Maritime State Governments.

(b) Development of infrastructure in the major ports is an on going activity, keeping in view the demands of maritime trade. The activities, performance, productivity and the profitability of the Major Ports vary depending on a number of factors including their location, infrastructure, labour, resources and cargo profile. In the absence of a common base for measurement, it is thus not feasible to rank them.

(c) The aggregate capacity in the 12 Major Ports which was 389.50 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) as on 31.3.2004 reached a level of 504.75 MTPA as on 31.3.2007, involving capacity addition of 115.25 MTPA during the three years period through various developmental activities, mainly, construction of new berths, expansion of existing berths and improvement in productivity. The aggregate capacity is expected to go upto 528.75 MTPA by 31.3.2008 and 1016.55 MTPA by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan period mainly through projects for berth development, procurement/modernization and upgradation of cargo handling equipment.

(d) During the Eleventh Plan period, a Plan outlay of Rs. 1227.74 crores, Rs. 1254.79 crores and Rs. 1448.20 crores are envisaged for the expansion and development of Ennore, Chennai and Tuticorin Ports respectively. In addition, private investment to the extent of Rs. 5300 crores, Rs. 833.50 crores and Rs. 5115.08 crores are also envisaged in the three ports respectively during the Eleventh Plan period. The capacities in the three Ports are planned to be enhanced to 64.20 MTPA, 73.50 MTPA and 63.98 MTPA by the end of the 11th Plan period.

Road Development Proposal from Himachal Pradesh

2282. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh has sent a proposal for upgradation/widening of roads and converting of State roads into National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details of the roads and amount sanctioned for each road and by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Nine proposals have been received from State Government of Himachal Pradesh for declaration of State roads as new National Highways. The details are given in the Statement (*See* below) At present emphasis is being given to the development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more State roads as National Highways.

Statement

Details regarding proposal for state roads

Sl.No.	Name of the Roads/Stretches
1.	Hoshiarpur-Bhankhandi
2.	Jhalara-Una-Bhota-Joha- Rewalsar-Mandi road
3.	Yamuna Nagar-Lal Dhank-Paunta-Daranghati Road
4.	Kiratpur Sahib-Nangal-Una-Maclodeganj Road
5.	Slappar-Tattapani-Luri-Sainj Road
6.	Chandigarh (PGI) Baddi-Ramshahar-Shalaghat Road
7.	Sainj-Luri Banjar-Aut (Bagitar) Road
8.	Nagrota-Ranital-Dehra-Mubarakpur Road
9.	Paonta-Rajban-Shillai-Mirus-Hathoti Road

Belgaum-Anmod NH

2283. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Belgaum-Anmod National Highway (NH) stretch is in a bad shape and practically non-motorable;

(b) whether Government proposes to improve/upgrade the said stretch of the National Highways;

(c) if so, whether the project has been tendered;

(d) the estimated cost of the project; and

(e) by when the project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Belgaum (km. 0) to Anmod (km. 75.20) Section of NH-4A falls in the State of Karnataka. During the last three years including the current year, improvement works amounting to Rs. 14.66 crore covering a length of 56 km. on the above National Highways have been taken up by the Ministry on this National Highway. These works have been completed. In addition, a periodical renewal work in a length of 20 km. amounting to Rs. 2.36 crore is in progress and likely to be completed by June, 2008.

(b) to (e) 4/6 laning of Belgaum-Karnataka/Goa border section of NH-4A from km. 0.00 to km. 84.00 has been indentified to be taken up under NHDP Phase-III for which preparation of DPR is in progress. 4/6 laning of this section is targeted for completion by December 2013.